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The Honorable John L. McClellan  
Chairman  
Committee on Government Operations  
United States Senate  
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Senator McClellan:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated 25 February 1955 in which you request information regarding expenditures for equipment suitable for use in wire tapping.

The National Security Act of 1947, Public Law No. 253, Section 102(d), provides "that the Agency shall have no police, subpoena, law enforcement powers, or internal security functions."

Accordingly, during the period in question the Central Intelligence Agency has not expended and does not anticipate the expenditure of funds for the purchase and maintenance of such equipment which is used or intended for use in wire tapping in the United States or its possessions.

Sincerely yours,

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Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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